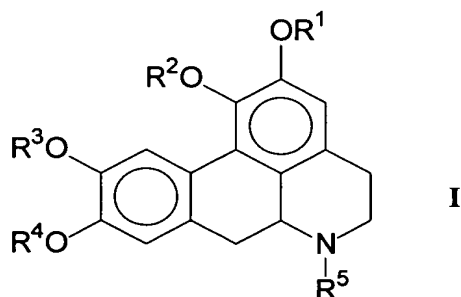


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-17. (cancelled).

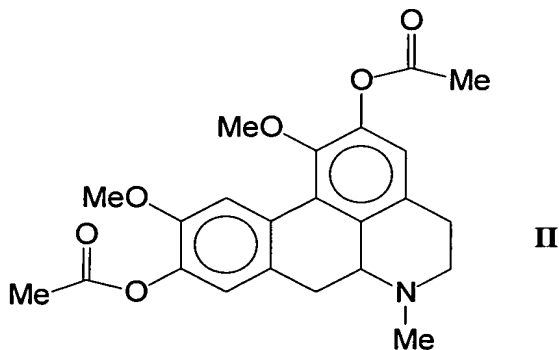
18. (new) A compound having the general formula I:



in which:

the groups R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , which groups may be the same or different, and each may be a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, sulfonyl or sugar group, cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, with the proviso that the compound is not 2,9-dihydroxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine or 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine.

19. (new) The compound according to claim 18 corresponding to the formula II (formula II = formula I in which $R^1 = R^4 = -COCH_3$, $R^2 = R^3 = CH_3$, $R^5 = CH_3$)

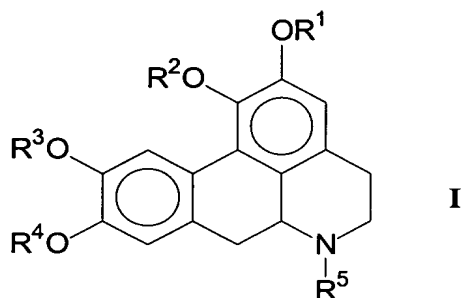


20. (new) The compound of claim 18, extracted from *glaucium flavum*.

21. (new) The compound of claim 18, synthesized chemically.

22. (new) A cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising:

a compound having the general formula I:



in which:

the groups R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , which groups may be the same or different, and each may be a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, sulfonyl or sugar group, and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant.

23. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 22 wherein said compound having the general formula I is selected from the group consisting of 2,9-dihydroxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine.

24. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claims 22 or 23 wherein said compound of formula I is present at a concentration between 0.0001 (w/w) and 50% (w/w).

25. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein said compound of formula I is present at a concentration preferably between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

26. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein said compound of formula I is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, ornanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

27. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 which is an emollient lotion, emollient milk, emollient cream, milk for care of the skin or hair, cream for care of skin or hair, make-up-removing cleansing cream, lotion, milk.

28. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 which is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.

29. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein said principal adjuvant is an organic or hydroglycolic solvent, fatty substance obtained by extraction or synthesis, ionic or non-ionic thickener, softener, opacifier, stabilizer, emollient, silicone, α - or β -hydroxy acid, antifoaming agent, moisturizing agent, vitamin, perfume, preservative, sequestering agent, colouring agent, gel-forming

and viscosity-increasing polymer, surfactant and emulsifier, water- or fat-soluble active principle, plant extract, tissue extract, marine extract, sun filter, antioxidant, abrasive, absorbent, essential oil, astringent, anti-agglomerant agent, antifoaming agent, antimicrobial agent, binder, biological additive, buffering agent, bulking agent, chelating agent, chemical additive, cosmetic astringent, cosmetic biocide, denaturant, drug astringent, external analgesic, film former, opacifying agent, pH adjuster, propellant, reducing agent, sequestrant, skin-conditioning agent, humectant, skin treating agent, or thickener.

30. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein said active substance is selected from exfoliate actives, anti-acne actives, vitamin C and its derivatives, vitamins B₁ through B₁₂, and their derivatives, vitamin E and its derivatives, vitamin H, vitamin K, vitamin A and the retinoids, peptides, hydroxy acids, antioxidants, radicals quenchers, chelating agents, anti-inflammatory actives, tanning actives, skin bleaching actives, anti-cellulite actives, antimicrobial actives, anti-wrinkle actives, anti-lipolysis actives, lipogenesis stimulating actives, anti-stress agents, proteolysis inhibitors, in particular inhibitors of the MMP, enzymes, ceramides and their analogues, anti-irritants and actives softening the skin, anti-pollution actives, healing actives, hydrating, emollients, anti-sun protection actives, sunscreens and filters UV, firming actives, liposomes.

31. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 further comprising a plant extract.

32. (new) The cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 31 wherein said plant extract includes at least one compound having the general formula I.

33. (new) The cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition of claim 31 wherein said plant extract is a *glaucium flavum* extract.

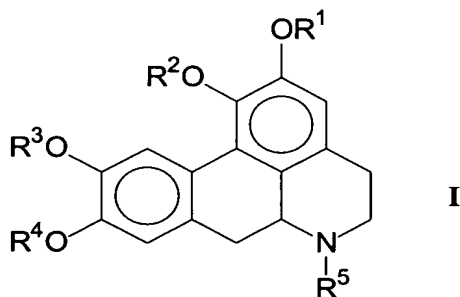
34. (new) The cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein said compound having the general formula I is derived from, or part of a plant extract.

35. (new) The cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein said plant extract is incorporated in cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical preparations at concentrations varying between 0.01 and 100 % (w/w)

36. (new) The cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition of claim 35 wherein said plant extract is incorporated in cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical preparations at concentrations varying between 0.1 and 10 % (w/w)

37. (new) A method of decreasing pigmentation in a person in need thereof comprising the steps of providing a cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition comprising:

a compound having the general formula I:



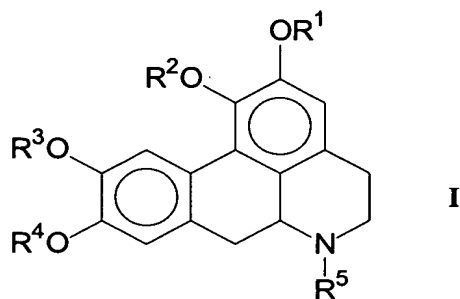
in which:

the groups R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , which groups may be the same or different, and each may be a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, sulfonyl or sugar group, and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and at least one of a carrier, active substance

or a principal adjuvant, and applying same to the skin of a person in need thereof.

38. (new) A method of slimming, reducing cellulite or firming the skin of a person in need thereof comprising the steps of providing a cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising:

a compound having the general formula I:



in which

the groups R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 , which groups may be the same or different, and each may be a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, sulfonyl or sugar group, and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant, and applying same to the skin of a person in need thereof.